

# Utilizing Learning Centers To Support Math, Science in the Arts in Pre K - K

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Room: Aztec B & C

#### **Presenters:**

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#### **Session Description:**

Learning centers are a critical element to a quality early childhood environment. Intentionally planned learning centers provide opportunities for practice of new skills and knowledge. When implemented properly, learning centers allow for teachers to provide small group and individualized instruction based on data collection. Participants will identify the essential elements to quality learning centers for math, science, and art. There will also be explanation about how to use learning centers as an instructional tool to address the Arizona Early Learning Standards and the Arizona Academic Standards for Kindergarten.

### **How the session addresses Innovation:**

Improvement in the quality of preschool and kindergarten classrooms is an integral part of creating the new and innovate early childhood movement in Arizona.

### **Presenter Information:**

**Amy Corriveau** is the Deputy Associate Superintendent for Early Childhood Education at the Arizona Department of Education. She is currently a member of the Early Childhood Inclusion Coalition as well as a member of the Early Childhood Development and Health Board as part of the First Things First Initiative.

**Terry Doolan** is an Early Childhood Education Program Specialist with the Arizona Department of Education. Prior to joining the ADE, Terry worked at Maricopa County Head Start for 14 years as a teacher, mentor, and Education Coordinator.

**Mari Whelan** is an Early Childhood Education Program Specialist with the Arizona Department of Education. Mari has been with the department for 2 years. Prior to joining the ADE, Mari worked for 10 years in the Paradise Valley School District as a teacher in grades K-3.

## **Session Materials**

**PowerPoint Handout**